Appointment of members of Krishnanvaka Community in the Secretariat.

18. MR. R. SIVASUBRAMONIA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any application from members of the Krishnanvaka community for clerk's place in the Secretariat, before additional staff was entertained in connection with the new Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Appointment of clerks in the Secretariat.

19. MR. R. SIVASUBRAMONIA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of clerks appointed in the Secretariat from the year 1095 till the 15th Thulam 1109; and

(*b*) the number of persons appointed from the Krishnanvaka community during that period?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 137.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Sir, before we proceed any further, I wish to know whether it is a fact that the Dewan President of the House is going to leave us shortly and that he will not be available for the next time the Assembly meets. I want the information particularly because it is only fair to the House that we are given an opportunity to bid farewell to him.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is a matter, in which, according to the Regulation and the Rules, I am unable to give an answer. I certainly recognise the solicitude on the part of the members for such a ceremony. I shall inform Mr. Austin about this. Nothing more I am able to undertake.

We will now proceed to the legislative business.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

HINDU LAW OF INHERITANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I move that the Hindu Law of Inheritance Amendment Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Sir, is it a motion for leave to introduce?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, it is a motion for leave to introduce. He has tabled a motion and if that is granted the bill may be introduced.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): But he said that the Bill may be *read*.

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